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EDITOR'S OVERVIEW OF C.A.W.M.C. 2008 GENERAL MEETING: - by R. Kingdon

Our C.A.W.M.C. 2008 annual meeting was held on Sunday July 20th on the last day of the extremely successful Canadian Numismatic Association convention, hosted by the Ottawa Coin Club. Our breakfast and business meeting were held in the very top penthouse Panorama Room of the Crowne Plaza hotel, giving us a wonderful view of much of the city of Ottawa, the Ottawa River, the Parliament Buildings and the Rideau Canal.

Thirty individuals signed the attendance sheet for breakfast with a few more joining us later for the business meeting. As usual, a 'pile' of freely, distributed woods, formed in front of everyone's plate. Most were souvenir woods issued specifically for this meeting and convention, but other extra woods, from the past, also increased the size of everyone's pile.

To begin the business part of the meeting, president, Al Munro gave welcoming comments and led us all in the observance of a moment of silence in the remembrance of Victor Hall, who died earlier this year. Victor was a co-founder of our C.A.W.M.C. Al, also our treasurer, distributed his treasurer's report, (printed on page 6 of this newsletter), and verbally highlighted parts of it. Our Association is in good financial shape. Al announced that membership flats and receipts have been passed on to myself, the editor, for mailing. They are included in this mailing.

At this point in the meeting, much discussion took place on the topic of distributing our newsletter electronically. Many things have to be put into place for this to happen. It will be worked on with the hope of having this started this fall or very early next calendar year. Al made a plea for all members with e-mail capabilities, to send their e-mail addresses to him immediately at wood5cents@shaw.ca, so that decisions can be made. The Executive is hoping to have a U.S.A. member receive the newsletter electronically, photocopy and mail it to all U.S.A. members who must receive it by 'snail mail'. This would save considerable postage costs. This same process would likewise be done by a Canadian member to those Canadian members that must have 'snail mail'. *The Executive hopes that all members capable of receiving the newsletter electronically, would receive it that way, thus eliminating as much 'snail mail' cost as possible.*

Following this discussion, Al presented deserving Certificates of Appreciation to two C.A.W.M.C. members. One went to Dave Gillespie for his very successful fund-raising efforts these past few years. The second went to Larry White (unable to be present because of health) for his longtime involvement in and support of our Canadian hobby.

Norm Belsten, our catalogue keeper, announced that he had for sale a new supplement listing of 'woods' from 2006 to the present. He has this supplement in hardcopy paper form for a \$7.50 cost as well as in disc form. Norm also has the entire Canadian Wood Listing on disc for anyone who wishes to purchase it. Norm's e-mail address is nbelsten@simpatico.ca.

Prior to our annual auction, 13 beautifully hand-painted, 3 1/2 inch in diameter, tulip design woods were sold for \$15.00 each as a fundraiser, all proceeds going to C.A.W.M.C.. These woods were hand-painted by Carolyn Gillespie and the printing, on the woods, was done by Dave Gillespie. There are still a very few of these woods available for sale to others, if interested (see elsewhere in this newsletter). In the following auction, three of these same woods, which had been signed by Mr. Ian Bennett, President of the Royal Canadian Mint, were sold. Again, all proceeds went to C.A.W.M.C.

At this point our business meeting was adjourned, auction viewing took place and Albert Kasman sold 50/50 tickets. Thirty-four dollars was realized for C.A.W.M.C. from the 50/50 ticket sale. Once again, a fine auction of many good quality and varied items ended our get-together.

While your editor was thrilled to bring home dozens of new woods to add to his collection, he never really found time to actually sit down and swap, or trade woods. Possibly we could set aside a very specific time for this at future conventions. I must say that I had a great time at this thoroughly enjoyable, excellent convention in our Canadian capital.

I'm sure we are all looking forward to next year in Edmonton.

President **Al Munro** and his wife **Marion** are on vacation, following the convention. Al apologizes for no President's Message this month. **Send your e-mail address to him at wood5cents@shaw.ca.**

PAST PRESIDENTS:

Garry Braunwarth – 1975-1977

Victor Hall – 1977-1979 *

Don Robb – 1979-1981

Stan Clute – 1981-1983

Neil Probert – 1983-1985

Norm Belsten – 1985-1991

Pat White – 1991-1995 *

Lou Vesh – 1995-2001

Earl Salterio – 2001-2003 *

Norm Belsten – 2003-2005

* deceased

NEW EDITOR:

Beginning next month, the new editor of 'Timber Talk' will be C.A.W.M.C. member **TONY HINE**. Tony will, no doubt, introduce himself much more thoroughly over the next little while.

He can be contacted by e-mail at tonyhine@sympatico.ca or by telephone at 416-483-1619 or by mail at 155 Chaplin Cres. Toronto, ON, Can., M5P 1B1.

Please give Tony the same support that all have given to me. Input from our membership is imperative for the success of this newsletter.

Good Luck, Tony.

Yours truly, will be doing *only* the **mailing** of the newsletters.

NEW SUPPLEMENT AVAILABLE:

As stated on page one, **Norm Belsten** has issued the **new supplement update** to our wood catalogue. The hard copy is available for \$7.50. On disc it is \$5.00. The complete catalogue on disc is \$35.00. Both include word files of the indexes and cheater sheets. If sent by mail add postage. If e-mailed, no postage. Norm can be reached at e-mail nbelsten@sympatico.ca or 86 Hamilton Dr. Newmarket, ON, Can., L3Y 3E8.

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DUES: Membership dues in the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors are:

Canadian Residents: \$10.00 Canadian Funds
 United States Residents: \$10.00 U.S. Funds
 International Members Rate (outside of Canada and U.S.): \$20.00 Canadian Funds
 Youth (16 years of age and under): \$5.00

Dues paid to Mr. Al Munro, Box 2643 Str. 'M', Calgary, AB, Canada T2P 3C1

FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH

This month's free wood is again provided by **Lou Vesh**. This beautiful wood needs very little description here, as Lou has written the story in detail in his "*My Wooden Nickel's Worth*" on the next page. The '**WOODS R US**' side is red/black in colour while the painted *leaf side* is red/gold /black in colour.

Many 'Thanks', Lou for giving this wood to our membership.

MY WOODEN NICKEL'S WORTH.....by Lou Vesh

Ever start a project and wish you hadn't? The wood shown at right started out as a normal, run-of-the-mill task, but turned into a mini nightmare. Each step was running smoothly until I got to the maple leaf. None of my trials worked satisfactorily. I tried stamping in red, green, metallic red, multi-color, silver, and holographic silver. None clicked. So I had to hand paint each maple leaf by brush, using metallic red paint. Though an arduous task, I handled it okay.



But wait! Since the painted surface was a tad fragile, a protective coat was needed. So I varnished each wood, both sides and edges. As if that wasn't painful enough, the wood now acquired a rough finish. That meant lightly sanding each side, cleaning, applying a second coat, then polishing each side again. The final total production quantity was 200. You do the math. I'm going for a nap.

(file: Nworth81)



FUNDRAISER WOOD AVAILABLE:

Shown here, in actual size, is our Ottawa, C.A.W.M.C., general meeting, fundraiser wood. The wood was made by Dave Gillespie and beautifully painted by his wife Carolyn. This black and white photo does not do justice to the wood. The tulips are red, yellow and purple (left to right) and the yellow tulip does not show well in the photocopying. The leaves and stems are green. Most of the woods made, were sold at the meeting, for \$15.00 each. All funds realized go directly to C.A.W.M.C. Dave has a very few left for sale at the \$15.00, plus \$3.00 shipping. Dave's address is 3 Old Oak Lane, Orangeville, ON, Can., L9W 4B1 and his e-mail address is dacar57@hotmail.com.

Your editor was fortunate enough to get one of the three woods signed by Royal Canadian Mint President Ian Bennett. The remaining woods, for sale, do not have his signature.

"WOOD" ISSUES FROM THE C.N.A. CONVENTION AND C.A.W.M.C. ANNUAL MEETING IN OTTAWA:

These *four* official "woods" were issued by the host *Ottawa Coin Club*, to recognize special anniversaries. They were enclosed in each registration package and were not very freely distributed. They may now be difficult, if not impossible, to obtain.



Your editor has counted 26 'woods', (including the above four officials) which were distributed specifically for this *C.N.A. convention* and our *C.A.W.M.C. annual breakfast meeting*. These souvenir 'woods' are shown here and on other pages of this newsletter. I can only suggest that you contact each issuer in order to obtain them.



**SOUVENIR "WOOD" ISSUES FROM THE C.N.A. CONVENTION AND C.A.W.M.C.,
ANNUAL, GENERAL MEETING IN OTTAWA: - continued**



C.A.W.M.C. TREASURER'S REPORT

For the year ending Dec. 31, 2007

With comparative figures for the year ending Dec. 31, 2006

	2006	2007
RÉCEIPTS		
Members' dues	\$800.00	\$930.00
Donation Auction	\$154.00	\$142.00
Donations Decorated Woods	\$353.00	\$360.00
Bird Woods	\$0.00	\$120.00
Other	\$103.00	\$94.00
Interest	\$141.13	\$179.08
U. S. Exchange	<u>\$48.52</u>	<u>\$38.54</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$1,599.65</u>	<u>\$1,863.62</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Timber Talk		
Postage	\$577.78	\$563.09
Printing	\$419.67	\$495.48
Secretary Treasurer	\$114.69	\$80.55
Membership	<u>\$35.00</u>	<u>\$35.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$1,147.14</u>	<u>\$1,174.12</u>
NET RECEIPTS	\$452.51	\$689.50
MEMBERS' EQUITY, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>\$5,312.16</u>	<u>\$5,764.67</u>
MEMBERS' EQUITY, END OF YEAR	<u>\$5,764.67</u>	<u>\$6,454.17</u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
Cash on hand and in bank	\$5,430.91	\$6,868.99
Prepaid Postage	<u>\$1,136.62</u>	<u>\$530.18</u>
	\$6,567.53	\$7,399.17
Less: Prepaid memberships	<u>\$802.86</u>	<u>\$945.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$5,764.67</u>	<u>\$6,454.17</u>

FINALLY:

As my fourteen years as editor of 'Timber Talk' come to an end, I cannot help but feel a sense of relief. There is no doubt that it has been a very rewarding experience. Over this time, one begins to realize more and more, just how so very important this newsletter is to the success of our Association and therefore, one feels the pressure and responsibility of putting together something that is interesting and suitable for our membership. When I took over this task in 1995, I now realize just how naïve and credulous I was, but in the end I have learned a lot and certainly gained from the experience.

To do this task, you soon realize just how much you come to rely on so many people and there are so many people out there, that I can never thank enough. These people have supplied so much, including articles, information, materials, or whatever. Sometimes it was just good old encouragement. For everything, I am sincerely grateful. I'm not going to begin to name these people because they really know who they are, and without them this task cannot be done.

I surely hope the support that I have received is forthcoming to our new editor. He cannot keep our membership up to date if he is not kept informed of happenings, new issues etc. as well as being supplied with material.

Remember, and this has been said many times before, that 'Timber Talk' is the lifeline of our Association and it depends on members' input for its success.

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IS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING
FOR THE YEAR INDICATED

Year

MEMBERSHIP NO.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN & SECRETARY TREASURER

**MEMBERSHIP FLATS
& RECEIPTS ENCLOSED:**

All membership flats and receipts received from our membership chairman are included with this mailing.

If you have questions regarding your membership status please contact Al Munro at e-mail wood5cents@shaw.ca or telephone 403-273-6133 or address Box 2643 Station 'M' Calgary, AB, Can., T2P 3C1.

